

Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

DE-CW1205

JUNE 20, 2005

LOTS OF SUN ALLOWS FOR PLENTY OF FIELD WORK

The dry weather allowed farmers to get into the field almost every day resulting in the completion of the first cutting of **alfalfa** and all **other hay** around the state. **Small grain** harvest has advanced significantly as well. Moisture stress in **corn** was detected in some areas around the state mainly due to the hot temperatures and minimal rainfall. There were **6.5 days suitable for field work**.

Small grains are in mostly good to excellent condition. **Barley** condition is rated 1 percent poor, 9 percent fair, 70 percent good and 20 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** is rated 1 percent poor, 8 percent fair, 65 percent good, and 26 percent excellent. **Soybean** planting, at 85 percent complete, has surpassed past year progress.

Pastures are in generally good condition with 1 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 62 percent good and 17 percent excellent. **Hay supplies** are 8 percent short, 85 percent adequate and 7 percent excellent.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 19, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Small Grain Development:				
Barley Harvested	67	12	59	44
Wheat Turned	76	35	98	79
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloups	99	98	93	82
Cucumbers	62	58	59	57
Lima Beans (Processed)	62	57	45	46
Snap Beans	88	82	91	83
Sorghum	95	88	87	65
Soybeans	80	71	76	58
Sweet Corn	85	79	77	78
Tomatoes	97	95	91	84
Watermelons	99	99	100	85
Emerged:				
Field Corn	99	97	100	99
Soybeans	67	54	68	46

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 19, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	---	30	70	---
Topsoil (2004)	---	12	77	11
Five Year Average	1	11	67	21
Subsoil Moisture	---	13	87	---
Subsoil (2004)	---	13	86	---
Five Year Average	2	13	72	13

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 19, 2005

Weather Station	Precipitation			Temperatures			
	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.07	19.30	0.59	91	53	75	2
Easton	0.09	24.77	4.14	93	56	76	3
Frederick	0.22	16.64	-1.82	93	53	75	7
Frostburg	0.10	19.60	-2.37	84	47	66	3
Hagerstown	0.03	13.62	-4.35	92	52	74	4
Mechanicsville	0.02	21.23	0.31	90	52	74	2
Patuxent River	0	18.31	-0.63	93	58	78	6
Ocean City	0.08	20.95	0.34	92	54	76	5
Salisbury	0	22.96	2.58	92	47	74	2
Sharpsburg	0.33	15.82	-2.64	92	49	72	4
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.05	20.09	2.97	92	59	77	1
Delaware							
Dover	0.01	21.26	1.24	91	57	76	4
Georgetown	0.09	20.18	0.08	91	52	76	5
Wilmington	0	18.55	-0.25	92	54	75	4

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.